

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, Artesian, South Dakota, the easternmost town in Sanborn County, was originally platted as the town of Denton on September 1, 1882, and was renamed 15 months later as Diana; and,

Whereas, After a large gushing artesian well was struck by railroad workers, the town's name was changed to Artesian; and,

Whereas, The people of Artesian take great pride in their heritage and continue to instill this same sense of community pride in its youth, making it the right place to call home; and,

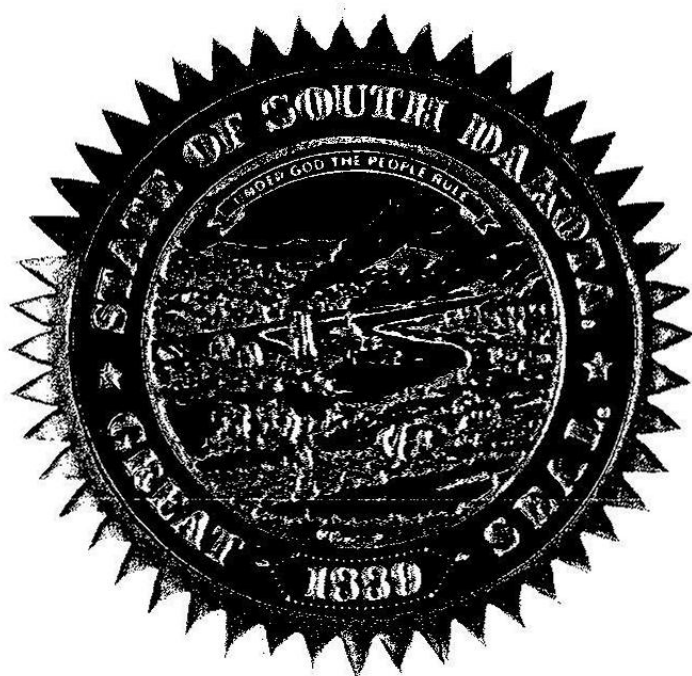
Whereas, The people of Artesian have demonstrated a strong community spirit in supporting local programs, sports, and other school events and are proud of their parks and school system; the community responds well to the needs of others through their local organizations and churches, making it the right place to call home:

Whereas, Artesian, which turns 125 in 2008, will salute the past, present, and future all year as the spirit of Artesian continues to pull the community forward in celebration:

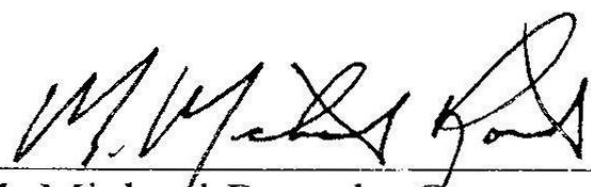
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 4 – 6, 2008, as

ARTESIAN QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.




In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State